

INDIANA SENATE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Place: Indiana State Senate
Statehouse, Indianapolis

Time: Monday – Friday
8:30 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Stipend: \$300 per week

Credit Hours: Determined
by university

Eligibility: Juniors, seniors, graduate students or recent graduates who are residents of Indiana or are attending an Indiana college or university.

No specific major is required, but a successful candidate must enthusiastically want to learn about government and politics in the real world. Other necessary skills include:

- Excellent writing skills
- Exceptional interpersonal skills
- Basic computer skills
- Effective time management
- Professional attitude

What scholarship opportunities are available?

Verizon Communications provides each caucus the opportunity to award a \$3,000 scholarship to an intern of their choice.

Additionally, both caucuses award a \$1,000 scholarship from the Rick Gudal Public Service Scholarship Fund. Rick Gudal worked for the Indiana Senate Democratic Caucus for 18 years before tragically passing away on January 17, 2005. The scholarship celebrates Rick's public service legacy and love of education.



Winners have five years to use the awards, after which the money will be donated to their alma mater in their name. Selection is based on input from legislators, staff and peers.

What is the Senate Internship Program?

This program represents a continuing attempt on the part of the Indiana Senate to involve young people in the work of the state legislature. All students at Indiana colleges and universities and Indiana students attending college outside the state are invited to participate in the program. A \$300 weekly stipend is offered to assist with living expenses.

Who should apply?

Any college junior, senior, graduate student or recent graduate in good standing is eligible to apply.



Indiana Senate
1-800-382-9467

Applications available at
www.senaterepublicans.in.gov/internship
www.senatedemocrats.in.gov/internship

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Legislative internships provide an opportunity for students to gain knowledge of the inner workings of state government by being a part of the process.

Typical experiences include:

- Interns will thoroughly learn the legislative process, gaining an in-depth understanding of how laws are made in a hands-on environment.
- They can observe how policy makers work together to build consensus and support for their initiatives.
- Interns also become adept at navigating the complex state government system and learn how it affects the everyday lives of Hoosiers by analyzing legislative initiatives and serving as advocates for constituents dealing with state agencies.
- Other duties include researching bill information and helping senators prepare for committee meetings and session days.



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In your future.

Want to learn how to work in a fast-paced professional environment where the stakes are high? This program prepares interns for permanent positions where interpersonal skills are essential.

Benefits consist of:

- Interns have the opportunity to create professional relationships that prepare you for future employment.
- Interns planning to pursue an education in law or graduate school upon completion of their undergraduate degrees often find this experience beneficial to those endeavors.
- A growing number of interns go on to work in state government, thanks in part to their internship experience.
- Most interns develop close business relationships that last well beyond the term of the internship because of the time spent working together.

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Appointments are made on a competitive basis, with attention given to academic record, work-related experiences, and the value of the internship to the students.

How to apply:

Republicans interested may apply online at www.senaterepublicans.in.gov/internship or contact **Kathleen Hursh** at 317-232-9519.

Democrats interested may apply online at www.senatedemocrats.in.gov/internship or contact **Jason Tomcsi** at 317-232-9496.

Deadline to apply is October 15.

Along with an application, candidates must submit a transcript, essay, writing sample and references.

Submitted applications will be reviewed, and those applicants chosen for interviews will meet with Senate staff no later than October 28. Internships will be announced by early November.



How can I remain a full-time student while participating in the internship program?

- On average, interns receive between 6 and 12 credits for working at least 35 hours a week in the Senate.
- A 3 credit-hour state government course, which takes place at the Statehouse throughout session, is available to all interns.
- Interns often arrange a correspondence or an independent course with a professor from their university.
- Classes may be available at an Indianapolis college or university.

College credit varies from school to school. Contact the Intern Director for guidance about specific schools or speak directly with your advisor.

How do I find housing in Indianapolis?

There are several downtown apartment complexes that offer short-term leases. Because the General Assembly hires at least 70 interns between all four caucuses, interns generally find roommates with whom to share housing expenses for the duration of session. Expenses do not need to exceed the cost of living on most Indiana campuses.